



Docket No.1050.002
Customer No. 40672

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

LEVERAGE LOCKING REVERSIBLE CYCLIC SUTURING AND KNOT-TYING DEVICE

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to Application No. 10/812,324, filed on March 28, 2004.

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR: George H. Gibbens, III, Deceased

INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE: [Signed by legal representative below]

DATED: _____

CITIZENSHIP: United States

FULL NAME OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Susan Duke Gibbens

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE: Susan Duke Gibbens DATED: 8.05.04

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